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**MADISONVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO  
INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE**

***– Madisonville Police Department Makes Meth Bust***

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **JASON S. BARNES**, age 28, of 512 Conner Court, #1, Madisonville, Kentucky in Hopkins County, **pled guilty** to (1) conspiracy to possess and distributed almost 12 grams of methamphetamine and (2) possessing the meth with intent to distribute.

The maximum potential penalties for each count are not more than 40 years but not less than 5 years, a \$2,000,000 maximum fine, and supervised release of at least 4 years and up to any number years, including life, which the Court may specify.

On August 24, 2006, at approximately 8:21 p.m., the Madisonville Police Department used two confidential sources to make a controlled purchase of 11.47 grams of methamphetamine, worth approximately \$1,100, from **Barnes**.

On August 25, 2006, at approximately 1:11 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on **Barnes** and arrested **Barnes** on an outstanding arrest warrant. Subsequent to the traffic stop and arrest, officers recovered methamphetamine from **Barnes's** crotch.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Madison Sewell and was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Madisonville Police Department.

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The plea was entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky.

**Barnes** is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge McKinley on June 4, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Co-defendant Jonathan Wilson is scheduled for trial on April 16, 2007 before Judge McKinley in Owensboro, Kentucky.

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